

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (previously presented) A wheelchair transportation device for selectively attaching to a vehicle, said device including:

- 5 a housing having a top wall, a bottom wall, a back wall and a pair of lateral walls, a front side of said housing forming an entry into an interior of said housing, said top wall having an elevated portion positioned adjacent to said front side and extending between said lateral walls;
- 10 a door having a top edge, a bottom edge and a pair of side edges, a hinge hingedly coupling said bottom edge to said housing for selectively opening and closing said entry, said bottom edge being hingedly coupled to said bottom wall adjacent to said entry such that said door may be positioned in a vertical position covering said entry or angled away from said housing and defining a ramp;
- 15 a coupler being mounted on said door for selectively coupling said door to said housing in a closed position, said coupler including a resiliently elastic band being attached to said door and positioned adjacent to said top edge, said band being selectively extendable around said elevated portion of said housing; and
- 20 a plurality of securing members for selectively securing said housing to the vehicle such that one of said lateral walls faces the vehicle.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

25 3. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said door includes a first panel and a second panel, said first panel being ~~removably~~ telescopically extended into said second panel such that said door may be selectively extended or retracted, said first panel being attached to said hinge.

30 4. (original) The device according to claim 3, wherein each of said securing members includes:

an elongated strap each having a first end and a second end;
a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said first and second
ends; and
wherein a first of said hooks may be coupled to a bumper of the vehicle and a
5 second of the said hooks coupled to a trunk of the vehicle.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

6. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein each of said securing
10 members includes:

an elongated strap each having a first end and a second end;
a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said first and second
ends; and
wherein a first of said hooks may be coupled to a bumper of the vehicle and a
15 second of the said hooks coupled to a trunk of the vehicle.

7. (currently amended) A wheelchair transportation device for selectively
attaching to a vehicle, said device including:

a housing having a top wall, a bottom wall, a back wall and a pair of lateral walls,
20 a front side of said housing forming an entry into an interior of said
housing, said top wall having an elevated portion positioned adjacent to
said front side;
a door having a top edge, a bottom edge and a pair of side edges, a hinge hingedly
coupling said bottom edge to said housing for selectively opening and
25 closing said entry, said bottom edge being hingedly coupled to said bottom
wall adjacent to said entry such that said door may be positioned in a
vertical position covering said entry or angled away from said housing and
defining a ramp, said door including a first panel and a second panel, said
first panel being removably telescopically extended into said second panel
30 such that said door may be selectively extended or retracted, said first
panel being attached to said hinge;

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a coupler being mounted on said door for selectively coupling said door to said housing in a closed position, said coupler including a resiliently elastic band being attached to said door and positioned adjacent to said top edge, said band being selectively extended around said elevated portion of said housing;

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a plurality of securing members for selectively securing said housing to the vehicle, each of said securing members including:
an elongated strap each having a first end and a second end;
a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said first and

second ends; and
wherein a first of said hooks may be coupled to a bumper of the vehicle and a second of the said hooks coupled to a trunk of the vehicle such that one of said lateral walls is facing the vehicle.

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